

Federal Transit Administration Updates

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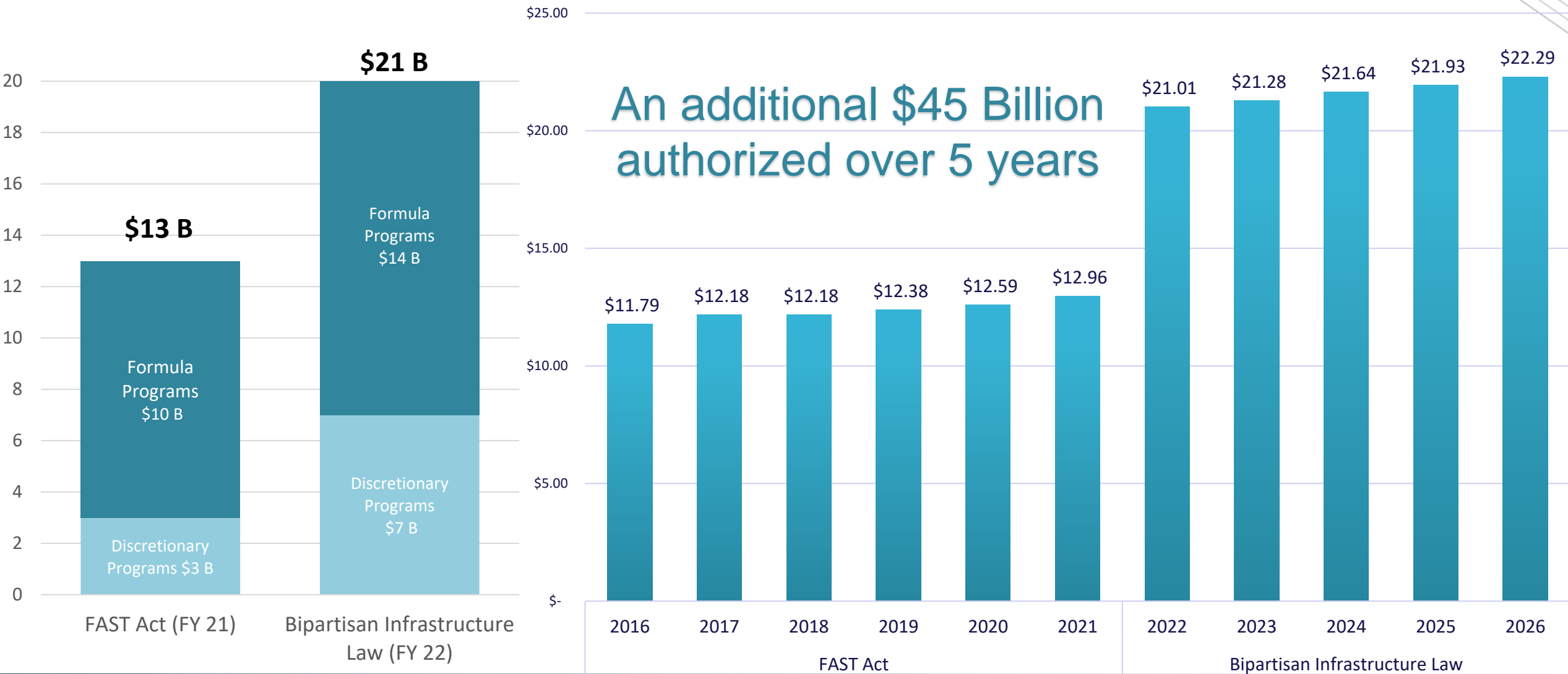


Agenda

- **Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**
 - Additional Funding
 - FTA Priorities
 - FTA Funding Programs
 - Formula and Competitive
 - IIJA/BIL Changes
- **What this means for Montana**
- **FTA Region VIII Contacts**
- **Q & As**

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Increased Funding for Public Transportation



FTA Funding Programs

Formula

Annual Apportionments

- **5303/4/5** – Planning Funds
- 5307 – Urban Funds
- **5310** – Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
- **5311** – Rural Funds (State)
- 5311(c) – Tribal Transit Program
- **5339(a)** – Bus and Bus Facilities
- CMAQ/STBG

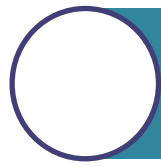
Competitive Opportunities

- DOT - RAISE – Formerly BUILD/TIGER
- Capital Investment Grants (CIG)
- 5339(b) – Bus and Bus Facilities
- 5339(c) – Low or No Emission
- More at:
 - [Grant Programs | FTA \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fta.dot.gov/grants)

GovDelivery Updates to receive NOFOs at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new>





Statewide/Rural Formula Programs

	5303 – Metro Planning	5304 – Statewide Plan	5310 – Senior and Ind. With Disabilities	5311 - Rural	5339(a) – Bus and Bus Facility
Eligible Subrecipients *Refer to Circular for full info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local gov. authorities• Operators of public transp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local gov. authorities• Operators of public transp.• Private nonprofit orgs.• Private taxi operators as subs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribes• Local gov. authorities• Private nonfit orgs• Operators of public transp.• Operators of ICB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public agencies or private nonprofit orgs. Involved in public transp.
Eligible Activities *Refer to Circular for full info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning activities (UPWP development)• Engineering, design, eval of public transit projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning activities• Engineering, design, eval of public transit projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital and operating to support transp. Services to meet the needs of seniors and ind. with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State and Project Admin• Capital• Paratransit• Mobility Management• Operating• Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital
Program Specific Requirements *Refer to Circular for full info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local match• UPWP• Within the MPO boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local match• UPWP/SPWP• May be suballocated to MPO areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Match• Inclusion in a Coord. Plan• 55% “traditional capital”• Prog Admin – 10% max.• Program of Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Match• STIP/TIP or UPWP/SPR• Program of Projects• ICB – 15% min.• State Admin – 10% max.• RTAP• Paratransit – 10% max	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local match• Rural recipients subject to reqs. of the 5311 program

Formula Programs

Urbanized Area Formula

- 30% increase to program funding levels from FY21 to FY22 (\$4.8B to \$6.3B)
- Increases the set-aside for Small Transit Intensive Cities from 2% to 3%
- Requires recipients in large UZAs to use at least 0.75% of their funds for safety-related projects

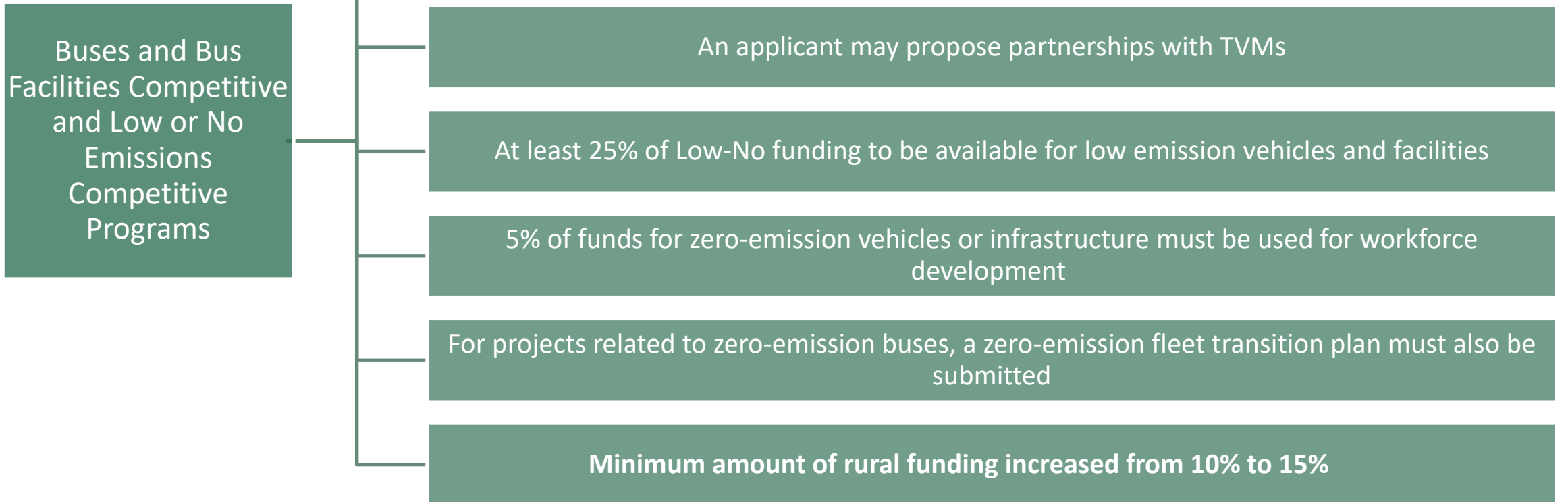
Formula Grants for Rural Areas

- **30% increase to program funding levels from FY21 to FY22 (\$601M to \$781M)**
- Provides \$229 million for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations over five years, with 20% of funds distributed on a competitive basis

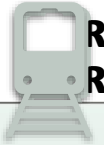
Buses and Bus Facilities

- **30% increase to program funding levels from FY21 to FY22 (\$461M to \$599M)**
- The Formula National Distribution is increased to \$4 million per State and \$1 million per territory
- Encourages use of Innovative Procurement tools, such as cooperative procurement contracts or state cooperative procurement schedules

Competitive Programs: Changes to Existing



Competitive Programs: New Programs



Rail Vehicle Replacement Program

\$300M Per Year

Eligible Recipients:

- States and local government authorities

Eligible Activities:

- Replacement of rail rolling stock



Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program

\$100M Per Year
(\$50M subject to appropriations)

Eligible Recipients

- Will be identified in a NOFO

Eligible Activities:

- Electric or low-emitting ferries that use alternative fuel or onboard energy storage systems, related charging infrastructure



Ferry Service for Rural Communities

\$400M Per Year
(\$200M subject to appropriations)

Eligible Recipients:

- States with ferry service that:
 - operated a regular schedule at any time during five-year period ending March 1, 2020
 - served at least 2 more than 50 sailing miles apart

Eligible Activities:

- Capital and operating assistance



All Stations Accessibility

\$350M Per Year

Eligible Recipients:

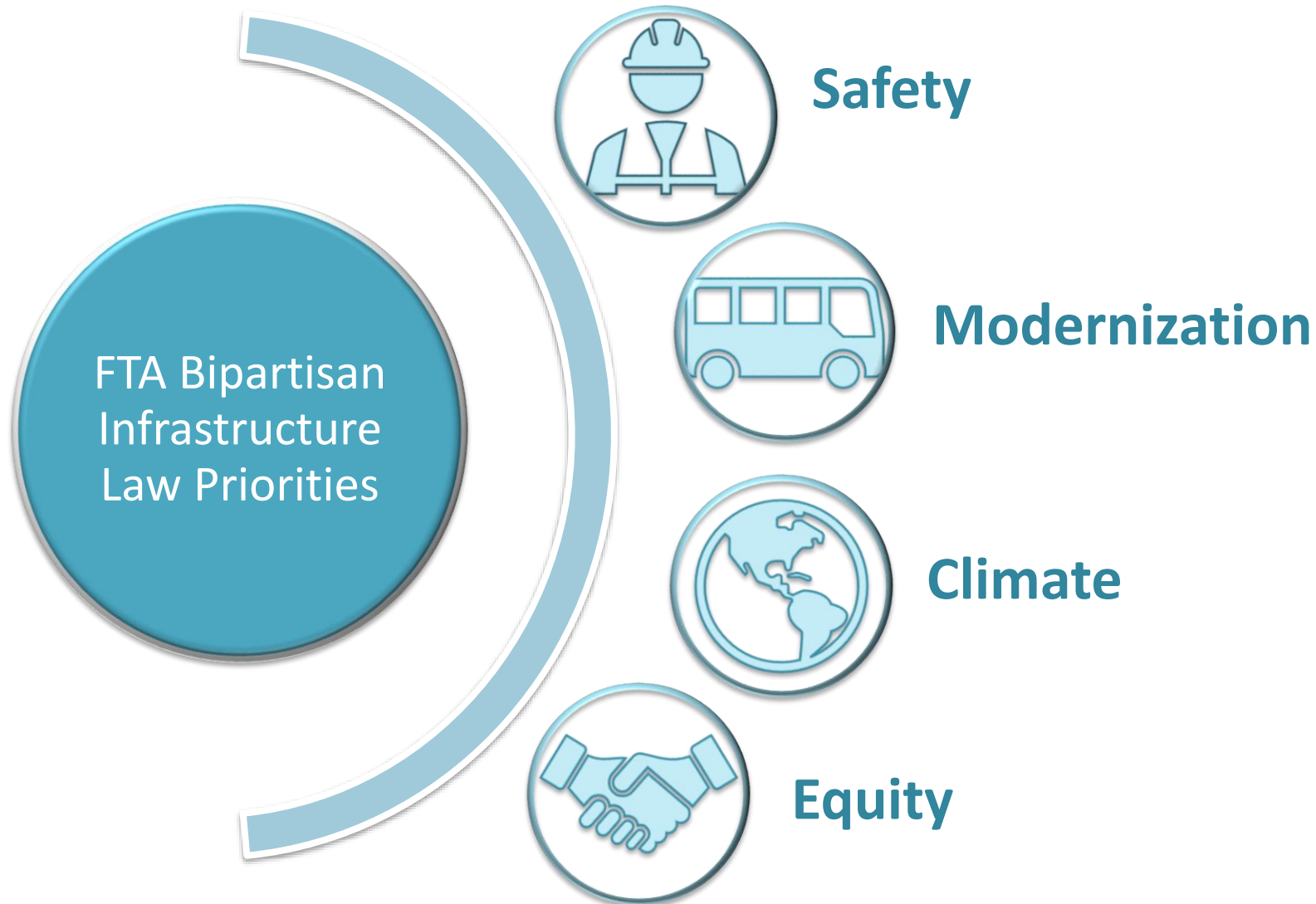
- States and local government authorities

Eligible Activities:

- Upgrade legacy rail transit stations that remain inaccessible to individuals with disabilities



FTA Priorities for Implementation



BIL – Increased Funding for Transit – Montana

Montana– Annual Apportionments

FY 2021 (**FAST Act**) \$27.8 million

FY 2022 (**BIL**) >\$30.2 million

FY 2023 (**BIL**) >\$31.7 million

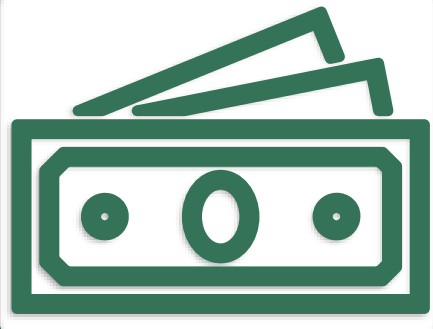


BIL Competitive Grant Programs for FY 2022 & 23



Bus and Bus Facility and Low or No Emission Awards Announced

- \$10.9M MUTD for battery electric buses (FY 22)
- \$3.88M Billings Transit battery electric buses (FY 22)
- \$1.37M Blackfeet Tribe maintenance facility expansion (FY 22)
- \$39M MUTD new facility (FY 23)



Areas of Persistent Poverty

- \$451,500 – Bozeman Financial Plan (FY 23)

Other Changes

Build America/Buy America (BABA)

BABA seeks to maximize the use of American-made products and materials in all federally funded projects.

Waivers Available for:

- Non-compliant products no more than the lesser of \$1M or 5% of the total (8/16/23)
- Construction materials during a limited transitional time – see [rule making](#)
- Unmodified Vans and Minivans ([2-year waiver](#))



Administrative Provisions for Disposition

For assets with a fair market value of more than \$5,000:

- If sold, recipient retains \$5,000 and the non-Federal share of the remainder
- Remaining Federal share must be returned to FTA and may not be kept for public transportation use

Emergency Relief Program

Requires applicants for Emergency Relief Funds to submit proof of insurance required by Federal law for structures related to grant applications and certify that it has insurance required under State law



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- \$13.4M [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Planning](#) – Closes 10/10/2023



Resources and Contacts

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website - www.transit.dot.gov/BIL
- Program Fact Sheets - www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-program-fact-sheets-under-bipartisan-infrastructure-law
- Contact FTA-IIJA@dot.gov
- Contact your FTA Regional Office for assistance
www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices



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